TEMPLATE FOR UNIT 3 RESEARCH PAPER

Name, Course, Date if MLA  
Title page and abstract pages if APA

Title

(Introductory section – no header)

Intro paragraph – attention getter

One to two pages introducing your subject: what it is, why it’s an important thing to research, what you already know.

(SECTION ONE) LITERATURE REVIEW

Here you write up a synthesis of all your secondary sources, the six from your proposal and the two academic journals.

The idea here is to fill your reader in on what has already been written on the subject.

This is to be a SYNTHESIS and is not to be organized as a series of article summaries.

(SECTION TWO) PRIMARY RESEARCH METHODS AND FINDINGS

Here you will write up what you wanted to do for your primary research, why you wanted to do it, and what you hoped to find.

Then you will briefly explain your actual research.

Then you will discuss the relevant parts of what you found. If it is not relevant to your overall research project, omit it. Do NOT type up interviews or survey questions and answers word for word.

(SECTION THREE) DISCUSSION

Here you will craft an argument based on what you found in both your secondary and primary research.

This can be cause/effect, mediation, problem/solution—whatever organizational method of argument best fits your research.

This should NOT be a paragraph but a section—several PAGES.

End with summative paragraph—wrap things up

(leave white space—hit enter twice)

Conclusion – thoughtful, intriguing, call to action, quote, anecdote, hook—something powerful to conclude.

Works Cited

Appendices (these will be your primary research plans copied and pasted here.